



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

SkillsUSA Rhode Island Week

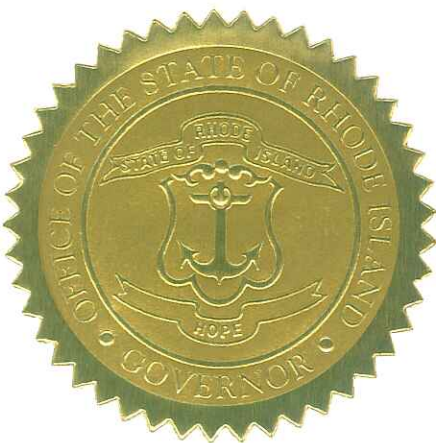
WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of the State of Rhode Island, I am proud to recognize SkillsUSA as a national organization committed to bringing career and technical education closer together with business and industry; and

WHEREAS, SkillsUSA membership has grown to more than one quarter of a million high school students and college students enrolled in trade, industrial, and health occupations, with more than five thousand members in Rhode Island celebrating 36 years of quality; and

WHEREAS, SkillsUSA, with outstanding support from business, industry, labor and education in Rhode Island, fosters competition among students and strives for excellence through the Rhode Island State Skills and Leadership Competitions, the National Leadership Conference, and the SkillsUSA Championships, which the Rhode Island business and industry partners award over one million dollars in prizes and scholarships; and

WHEREAS, SkillsUSA is a major contributor to the development of highly skilled workers through the development of the SkillsUSA Chapter Standards, the Workforce Ready System, and the Professional Development Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim February 5-11, 2012 as SkillsUSA Rhode Island Week in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 25th day of January, 2012

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State